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The City of Detroit's October 29, 2007, Response to the Free Press' First FOIA Request



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RE: Freedom of Information Act Request Dated October 19, 2007 Concerning Settlement Agreements in Brown and Nelthrope v Mayor Kilpatrick and the City of Detroit and Harris v Mayor Kilpatrick and the City of Detroit

Dear Mr. Schaefer:

This letter serves as the City of Detroit's response to the above-referenced matter. Your letter was received at the City of Detroit Law Department Freedom of Information Section, via facsimile, on October 19, 2007. Because your letter was received by e-mail, your request is deemed, pursuant to Section 5(1) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, as amended, being MCL 15.235(1), to have been received at the Law Department on the next business day, October 22, 2007. Pursuant to Section 5(2) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, as amended, being MCL 15.235(2), our response is due within five (5) business days.

Your letter requests:

"The entire settlement agreements in the two separate Wayne County Circuit Court lawsuits between the above-mentioned parties [Brown and Nelthrope v Mayor Kilpatrick and the City of Detroit and Harris v Mayor Kilpatrick and the City of Detroit. This request includes but is not limited to all documents, attachments, exhibits, notes or other information related to the settlements."

Your request is denied, at this time, procupant to MCL 15.235(4)(b). It is our understanding that, currently, there is a support of the agreement. Therefore, if you re-submit your request at a later time, we will re-process your request.

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Please be advised that, pursuant to Section 10 of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, being MCL 15.240, a person receiving a written denial of a request may do one of the following:

- 1) Submit a written appeal to the head of the public body denying the request. Such appeal, if submitted, should specifically state the word "appeal" and identify the reason or reasons for reversal of the denial. MCL 15.240(1)(a); or
- Commence an action in the circuit court to compel the disclosure of the public records within 180 days after the public body's denial of the request. MCL 15.240(1)(b). If a court finds that the information withheld by a public body is not exempt from disclosure, the requesting party may receive the requested record and, at the discretion of the court, reasonable attorney fees and /or costs. MCL 15.240(6) and (7).

Very truly yours

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